

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Bahramian et al.  
Appl. No: 09/472/558  
File Date: December 27, 1999  
Invention: MUTING GENE ACTIVITY USING A TRANSGENIC NUCLEIC ACID  
Art Unit: 1632  
Examiner: Paras, Peter Jr.  
Docket No.: 2498/101, formerly 2281/102

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600, ART UNIT 1632  
Supplement to RESPONSE E**

Dear Sir:

This supplemental communication is in response to the Office Action (the "Office Action") dated August 13, 2002, received after a request for continued examination, requested November 7, 2001, was granted.

Please amend the application as follows.

Applicants request that page 14 of Response E be replaced with the enclosed Replacement Page 14, which includes a new paragraph inserted after the first paragraph on p. 14.

and before the concluding paragraph. A clean copy of Replacement Page 14 is provided below, and also as a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

It is believed that a no extension of time is needed; however, this conditional petition for an extension of additional time is being made in the event that the need for an extension has been overlooked. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Date: December 18, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

  
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